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BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

November , 2015

2016 BUDGET APPROVED

The 2016 Budget has been finalized by the Village Board. This is a recap of some of the line items that have been increased, reduced, discontinued or removed totally from the 2016 budget in order to stay within the levy limits.

EMS – Total budget impact for 2016, \$85,020 (\$77,570 + building debt of \$7,450). This was fully funded with a requirement for a new contract developed and approved by February 2016. This is an increase of \$28,420 from the 2015 budget. \$23,780 was applied by the Fire/EMS District Board from a reserve account.

Fire – Total budget impact 2016, \$84,562 (\$62,210 + debt of \$22,352). There was not an increase in the budget from 2015 due to reserves applied by the Fire/EMS District Board. \$27,711 was applied by the Fire/EMS District Board from a reserve account.

Senior Center – Total budget impact 2016, \$21,084. This is an increase of \$1,106 for 2016.

Cost reductions in the 2016 budget:

Youth Center – Decreased support by \$800.00

Items completely removed from the budget and will not be funded for 2016:

Municipal Court – Voted to discontinue the contract with the Village of Belleville as of April 30, 2016, pending Village of Belleville's approval on 11/23/15. (Municipal Court citations may be handled by Dane and Green County starting May 1, 2016)

Part-time staff requests for the Public Works Department and the Village Clerk's Office

Updating/improvements of the Village webpage

Distribution by mail of the newsletter to all Village residents

Reduction in street improvement projects

Any questions regarding any items on the 2016 budget, please contact the Village Clerk's Office
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BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2015

The Nov 9, 2015, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:34 pm at the Village Hall by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Russell Cazier, Sue McCallum. Trustees Todd Klahn and Heather Kirkpatrick were absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Chief Barger, PW Director Langer, Dan Dean, Brienna Anders, Erin Chrisman, Sarah Grapentine, Nadine Walsten, Robert Frandy, Diane Newlin, Denise Arnold, Teresa Pelton, John Marx, Mary Gehin. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2016 BUDGETS was conducted: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Fund, Water Utility, Sewer Utility, TID #1 Fund, and TID #2 Fund. There were no public comments and the hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-Dan Dean, EMS Director, spoke to correct inaccuracies in the last Board minutes regarding the Brooklyn EMS being out of service on numerous occasions. Dean stated they have done aggressive recruitment but finding volunteers is difficult. He continued the Brooklyn EMS works well with mutual aid agreements to assure 24/7 coverage for all district residents. A “911” call will provide an ambulance. Dean wants all facts on the table and residents take advantage of the resources available. **Oregon Youth Center representatives** spoke in support of the center. Written testimonials were available and one youth presented her support for the center that has helped her through life happenings as it was a safe place to go for someone to talk to. Denise Arnold stated she is a volunteer at the center that has rules and guidelines to follow and considers it an investment to help youth and give them opportunities. Arnold stated the Town of Oregon has the same financial struggles as the Village but have raised their Youth Center commitment to \$5,000. The Village’s budget amount requested from the Center is \$3800. Diane Newlin, Youth Center Director, stated their budget is under \$50,000 a year. There are volunteer tutors two nights a week at the center. The center gives support to kids after school when they need it the most. **Nadine Walsten spoke in support of the Youth Center** investing in our kids and also in support of our **local EMS** that provides the help when needed to get to the hospital quickly and asked the Board to look at other sources for cuts. Walsten also commented on the **joint court agreement** stating the first six months the agreement was in place in 2015, there was to be careful monitoring to determine a per citation cost. In the past, there were seven to nine citations per month with an average 89 citations per year with a court budget of about \$9,000. If the Village did not merge, new court software was needed costing \$3,000 + extensive training for a new judge and a new certified court clerk. Abolishing the local court was looked at previously and have Dane County take over but our Village attorney would need to prosecute all cases. Walsten encouraged the Board to look at abolishment of the joint court carefully and concluded that the proposed budget at \$18,000+ for a joint court was out of line.

Trustee Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the minutes of 10-5-2015. Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the minutes of 10-12-15. Trustee McCallum abstained. Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the minutes of 10-21-15. Trustee McCallum abstained.

There was no report from President Hawkey. **Clerk Strause gave the September financials** with income of \$73,620.15, expenses \$86,922.45, and end of month balance in all funds of \$1,417,896.61. The **2016-2017 nomination process starts Dec 1, 2015** for three Village Trustee positions (Cazier, Leavy, McCallum) and a Municipal Judge for the Joint Court with Belleville (dependent on decision later this meeting). The filing deadline is Jan 5, 2016 for nomination papers. Dec 28th is the last day to file Notification of Non-Candidacy.

PUBLIC WORKS: Pellitteri Waste Systems offered an amendment to their last month’s contract amendment lowering monthly cost by \$.04 each month and adding an additional dumpster for clean up days. Trustee Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to approve this amendment. PW Director Langer reported on the **annual DNR wastewater facility inspection** done on 10-21-15 which was another very good report. Langer gave credit to the PW crew and especially Utility Supt. Spilde. **LRIP funds** (est \$53,000) in Green County will go to two other communities with the Village having a first chance at 2018 funds. There were three applications this year. Spilde put a proposed job description and researched information for a **school to**

work program which will be discussed later in the budget. There were no questions on monthly reports. Leaves are being picked up until weather prohibits it or there are no more.

SAFETY: Chief Barger stated there was no meeting for lack of quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA: Trustee Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to approve payment of November bills as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: President Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to approve **2016 membership in the Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce** for \$35. Trustee McCallum abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Finance committee recommends adding back to the budget \$3,000 for archiving/backup services for all employee/Trustee emails. This will be discussed later with the budget. Oregon Senior Center's budget exceeds their net costs from the prior year by more than 7% requiring approval from their contracted members. President Hawkey stated the Village may not be able to afford this service after the contract ends 12/31/2016. There is a proposed new Oregon senior center building being discussed and there will be cost increases. Two of three participating communities need to consent to the increased costs. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to reject the more than 7% increase in net costs. The requested 2016 budget amount is \$21,084. **Oregon Youth Center's budget request for \$3800** was further discussed. McCallum, in support of the center, moved to approve the \$3800, second by Smith with voting as follows: AYE: McCallum, Smith. NAY: Cazier, Hawkey. Motion fails for tie vote. Cazier moved, second McCallum to fund \$3,000 (cutting \$800). McCallum stated this is \$158 per year per child with the Village spending more on summer recreation for a program that runs only six weeks while this a yearly program. McCallum withdrew her second. Cazier withdrew his motion. McCallum continued suggesting the recreation program in the community maybe could work on this if we can't find the money. The recreation committee is not addressing what the youth center is addressing but could be another part of our recreation offerings, structured differently. The school is not being utilized for summer classes. Cazier stated there are other communities that are utilizing their services without paying into program, i.e., City of Fitchburg and Town of Brooklyn are not contributing. Newlin stated letters have been sent to both. Fitchburg has rejected support for the center. Newlin also stated she is working with Stacey Hardy, Recreation chair, on the healthy living expo to be held in January. Cazier asked if parents help defray costs. While some do donate, others are financially unable to give to the center.

2016 budget review for all funds: Clerk Strause explained the Expenditure Restraint Program with DOR's recent release of growth factor data with the Village having to remain under 1.2% expense increase in the General Fund to qualify for ERP funds in 2017. The current 2016 General Fund proposed expenditure is at \$945,149 which is under the 2015 expense of \$950,921 qualifying the Village for ERP funds. With increased expense in the Senior Center budget needing \$698, Fire/EMS needing \$28,340 to fully fund, and adding back \$3,000 for email archiving, the total cuts still needed are \$32,038. All line items in the General Fund were reviewed with total cuts of \$26,234 with \$25,550 further cuts to the Capital Projects accounts. The levy limit worksheet was reviewed and is at \$811,374 with \$8757 added to Line "H" for an increase in costs associated with an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Belleville for a Joint Court. If the court is dissolved, \$8757 would be removed and the new levy limit would be \$802,617 which includes \$183,538 for debt service payments. The allowable levy would have a mill rate increase over last year of \$.15/1000 assessed value. This does not account for any TID increment values. The vote at the last meeting on the **EMS budget** was to pay \$15 per capita per the contract, and donate up to the \$40 per capita until a new contract is established with all municipalities. Contract discussion is to start in December by the District Board. Unbudgeted ERP funds of \$20,472 could be used toward the \$28,340 balance needed leaving a need for \$7868. Cazier moved to pay the \$60 per capita for EMS services in 2016 including debt payment. Motion was withdrawn. Hawkey moved: Because the debt for fire district is no longer a revenue bond debt but a part of the municipal debt service meaning the EMS contract is null and void and would be in violation paying over \$15 per capita, the Village will pay \$15 per capita for EMS service and donate \$45 per capita including debt to arrive at the \$60 per capita dependent on a new contract being arrived at between the district and this municipality by Feb 29 2016. Motion was second Cazier and unanimously carried.

Another special Board meeting will be held on Nov 16th to finalize/adopt the budgets and approve the levy, and Resolution #2015-10 for 2015 Payable 2016 taxes. Hawkey moved, second Smith to approve the finance committee's recommendation to take delinquent utilities, special assessments, and special charges to the 2015 tax roll payable 2016.

Discussion on **continuing or dissolving the joint Municipal Court with Belleville** was had. An ordinance to dissolve needs to be adopted before Nov 24th when the election notice needs to be posted for the 2016 Spring positions to be elected. The new court term would be 2016-2020. All cases can be taken to Circuit Court if discontinued and all citations can be processed in one court even though written in another county so that Dane citations could be processed in Green County. Because of our costs increasing significantly and there is not revenue to sustain this cost, Cazier moved, second Hawkey, carried to discontinue the joint court. The original intent was to lower our costs with a joint system. A lot of money has been spent on this process over the past few years. An Ordinance to dissolve will be on the Nov 16th agenda. Meeting will start at 6 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Electronic Media**-McCallum moved, second Cazier, carried to accept the resignation of Chair Brit Springer from the committee. The need for this committee was discussed. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to discontinue the committee. There were **no Planning & Zoning, Emergency Management, or Ordinance** committee reports. **Fire-EMS** – A letter from the Fire/EMS District President was reviewed with concerns over the Village's cuts to the EMS budget for 2016. **Recreation's craft sale** is next Saturday, Nov 14th. Movie night last week was successful. **Finance**-Cazier moved, second Hawkey, carried to discontinue Saturday tax collection. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, carried to approve the minutes of 10-7-15.

At 10:20 p.m., Hawkey moved, second Cazier, unanimously carried to convene **to Closed Session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss client negotiations for the Business Complex-TID #2**. McCallum moved, second Cazier, carried to reconvene to open session at 10:37 p.m. Hawkey moved, second Cazier, unanimously carried to **sell no more than 1.5 acres (200 ft of frontage on Prosperity Place) to Greg Stahl** as written in the counter offer with amendments, and as stipulated in Village Ordinance Chapter 117 at a cost of \$5,000.

Smith moved, second Cazier, carried to adjourn at 10:38 p.m.
Carol A Strause, MMC, WCMC, CMTW

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Thirty-One Gifts (Katrina)
Scentsy (Melissa)
Nerium International (Sue)
Wildtree (Caroline)
Tupperware (Jennifer/Corinne)
Pampered Chef (Sonya)
Lulu Avenue (Sonya)

Local Groups:
Village of Brooklyn - Public Works
Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church

We would also like to thank all that attended this years Fall Arts & Crafts Fair.

Winter Parking Enforcement In Effect beginning November 15th

New parking regulations: Between the hours of 1am and 7am, Nov. 15-April 15, on-street parking is only allowed on the north side of Sunrise Dr, the west side of N Kerch St north of Douglas Dr, the north side of Marcie Dr west of Pine St, and the north side of Daisy Lane west of Fourth St. On-street parking from 1am-7am during these months on any other street in the Village is prohibited. *(100 Block of Hotel St is 3am-7am)

SNOW REMOVAL

Ordinance Ch. 22.02(D)(1)

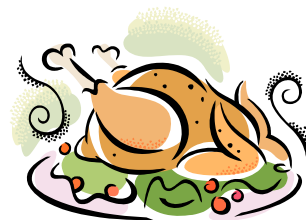
(D) Public nuisances affecting peace and safety. The following acts, omissions, places, conditions, and things are hereby found to adversely affect the public peace and safety, to create unsafe conditions, and to adversely affect the property values of other land in the village and are therefore declared to be public nuisances affecting peace and safety. Provided, however, that this enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other nuisances affecting public peace or safety coming within the general definition of subsection (A):

(1) All ice and snow not removed from public sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after snow has ceased to fall thereon;

If snow/ice is not removed within the 24 hour time period, the Public Works Department may remove it and bill the property owner accordingly.

The Public Works Department and Clerk's Office will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 26, as well as Friday, November 27th.

They will also be closed at noon on December 24th and on December 25th and noon on December 31st and on January 1st.





Brooklyn Area Chamber Annual

Santa Day

*Saturday, December 12
11 am – 1 pm*

NEW LOCATION-
*Methodist Church, corner of
Rutland and Hwy 92*

**Photos with Santa,
free gift for kids,
photos for sale too.*

**FREE regifting center,
Methodist Church's childrens' free store
to shop for family members with gift wrapping*

**FREE, three craft projects*

**FREE, girls and boys
door prizes*

** Methodist Church,
lunch stand*

**Please donate to the Brooklyn Food
Pantry**

For More Information:

*608-628-2755 or Check out the Chamber
Facebook page at:*

<https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynACoC>



**November 2015 News from Your Senior Center
By Rachel Brickner**

November is National Caregivers Month, and it is the time we acknowledge the tremendous amount of work caregivers do each year. Whether you are caring for a family member who lives with you, or simply picking up the newspaper for a neighbor, you are providing care that makes life easier for the care recipient, and you are entitled to recognition.

The Senior Center can assist caregivers with a wide variety of issues that need to be considered and addressed. For caregivers to continue to provide care, they need to take care of themselves. The Senior Center offers home delivered meals each weekday to ease the burden of cooking and ensure balanced nutritional intake. There is a caregiver support group that meets monthly at the Center to provide ideas and support. The Senior Center staff can help access grant funds that are available to help cover the costs of respite care, equipment and home modifications.

For many caregivers, having a place where their loved one can go, have fun and be safe while the caregiver takes a break, is vital. The Senior Center hosts The CLUB three mornings each week to provide caregivers with a well-deserved break while the care recipient benefits from the mental, physical and social stimulation the program offers.

Financial planning for the future can be vital for caregivers, as care recipients can require services that are costly and take a toll on a family's finances. The Senior Center staff can help families understand how to minimize the long term impact by discussing issues such as spousal impoverishment and Medicaid/partnership programs.

Caregivers also need to be aware of whether the care recipient has executed powers of attorney for health care and finances. If not, those documents need to be completed so that someone has the legal authority to make decisions for the care recipient if that person is ever unable to make decisions for himself.

Family caregivers who are being paid to provide care need to be cautious about how that is being handled, so that there is no question of divestment of assets in the future, as that could make it difficult to qualify for Medicaid later on if the care recipient needs to move into a care facility.

Caregiving is complicated and demanding. Please contact the staff at the Senior Center (835-5801) to discuss these, and any other, aspects of caregiving. And remember to take care of yourself, because your loved one is depending on you!



SENIOR HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCH

Noon – December 3rd
Brooklyn Community Building



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Village of Brooklyn has once again paired up with Pellitteri Waste Systems to help collect food for their ThanksGIVING Back Program. Non-perishable food items are being collected through November 27th to help those less fortunate. There is a collection box at the Village Clerk's office. The donations go to Second Harvest Food Bank who in turn donates to several local food pantries within Dane County and Southwest Wisconsin.

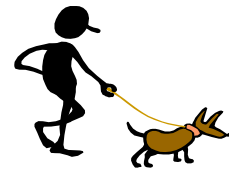
Three Trustee positions are up for election this Spring on Tuesday, April 5, 2016

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please obtain nomination papers at the Village Clerk's office.

The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

**2016
PET LICENSE FEES**

Dog license fees for 2016 remain the same as last year. The cost is \$12.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$17.00 per unaltered dog. Cat license fees remain the same at \$5.00. Licenses for 2016 can be obtained from the Village Clerk's office beginning the week of December 8th. Current rabies vaccination information needs to be provided to obtain license. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 455-4201.



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STAY INFORMED OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS AND SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

Activity for October

Susp Activity	3
Animal	1
Traffic Incidents	34
Traffic Citations	6
Damage to property	1
Traffic Warnings	10
Traffic Crashes	1
Misc Comp/Arrests	1
Assists	10
Open Records	5
Park citations/comp	1
Thefts	1
Juvenile off/comp	1
911 Disconnect	2
Found Property	<u>1</u>
Total	78

Healthy Living Expo
Saturday, January 16th, 2016
9am - 1pm
Brooklyn Community Buiding

Still accepting applications for vendor/booths.
<http://brooklynrecreation.org/healthylivingexpo>



PHOTO ID REQUIRED STARTING IN 2016

These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card or driver license without a photo issued under the religious exemption
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)

- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university, college or technical college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

Important things to know:

- There is no such thing as a "Wisconsin Voter ID Card." The new Voter Photo ID Law uses existing photo IDs for people to prove their identity before voting.
- The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs for Sue can all relax.)
- Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you. Even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.





December 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 RECYCLING Zumba – 6:30 pm	3 Yoga - TBD	4	5 Movie Night – 7 pm
6	7 Yoga Bliss – 6:30 pm	8	9 Zumba - 6:30 pm	10 Yoga - TBD	11	12 Santa Day @ Methodist Church
13	14 Board Meeting - 6:30 pm Yoga Bliss Basic/101 - 6:30 pm	15	16 RECYCLING Zumba - 6:30 pm	17 Yoga - TBD	18	19
20 Open gym – 2 pm to 4 pm	21 Yoga Bliss Basic/101 - 6:30 pm	22	23 Zumba - 6:30 pm	24 Clerk/PW office closed at noon CHRISTMAS EVE	25 Clerk/PW office Closed CHRISTMAS	26
27	28 Yoga Bliss Basic/101 - 6:30 pm	29	30 RECYCLING Zumba – 6:30 pm	31 Clerk/PW office closed at noon NEW YEAR'S EVE		

notes

Check out the village website at www.brooklynwi.gov